1	2	3	4
	(c) Cotton Yarn	1700	1290.1
3.	Man made Textiles	1150	855.2
4.	Silk	330	310.2
5.	Wool & Woollens#	315	173.6

Source : Textile Export Promotion Councils
#Export figures pertain to April-December, 2000-2001.

The industry feels confident of achieving the target substantially.

Problems of Weavers in Andhra Pradesh

†4389. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI ANANTA SETHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that many weavers in Andhra Pradesh have committed suicide;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take any concrete and effective steps to solve the problems of weavers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) As per report received, weavers of powerloom community, over a period of two years, in and around Sircilla division of Karim Nagar District of Andhra Pradesh have committed suicides due to the following reasons:-

(i) High incidence of indebtedness.

(ii) High power tariff and lack of un-interrupted power supply.

(iii) Prevalence of diseases.

(iv) Poor marketability of end product i.e. low quality fabric due to obsolete and low technology looms.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, the Government has taken several remedial steps such as:—

(i) Old age and widow pension cases have been sanctioned to the eligible weavers.

(ii) Distribution of rice at the rate of 10 kgs per family to the affected family members.

(iii) 1100 white ration cards were distributed among the affected weavers.

(iv) Health camps are organized in the affected areas.

(v) Survey of powerloom weavers is being taken up by the District Rural Development Agency at Siricilla.

(vi) Arrangement of training to women on Juki (Japan) Sewing Machines. Besides this the District Administration is taking steps to impart training in embroidery, computer and other skill-upgrading occupation.

(vii) State Government have planned to train shop floor workers to provide jobs in to Apparel Export Park to extend alternate related opportunity for employment.

(viii) State Government have decided to give training to families of deceased powerloom workers on Juki Sewing Machines at Common Facility Centre of Gundlapochampally.

(ix) State Government have disbursed an amount of Rs. 24.66 crores through cheques/demand drafts to 354 societies.

Imports of silk yarn and silk products

4390. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that silk yarn and silk products are being imported during the last three years;

(b) if so, the countries from where these are imported;

(c) the year-wise total quantity of these items imported;

(d) whether there is a proposal under consideration of the Union